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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director
SUBJECT: Possible Nomination for Enrico Fermi Award

1. Many of us who have been closely associated with Dr. Scoville over the years know of the exceptional contributions he has made to the use and control of atomic energy and feel very strongly that they should be officially recognized by an award. Previous recipients of the Fermi Award have been cited primarily for contributions in such fields as nuclear chemistry and nuclear physics, development of the cyclotron and discoveries of elements; however there have been references to additional contributions through leadership in research and efforts to strengthen National security. Since Dr. Scoville's contributions are not of the scientific development type, we are not entirely certain that we have the basis that the Director would feel he needs for a nomination.

2. We have attached a resume of Dr. Scoville's activities that highlight his contributions to the use and control of atomic energy and you can see that they are substantial but certainly not of the purely scientific discovery type. No attempt has been made to put them in a final nomination form, but rather to let the facts speak for themselves through a description of his assignments and the manner of his performance as assessed by persons highly qualified to do so.

3. I would appreciate it very much if you could find the opportunity to discuss with the Director the information we have developed and find out his reaction. If it is favorable toward a nomination, we will be very pleased to assist in shaping up the final nomination papers, and of course I am most anxious to do anything I can personally to assure the success of this nomination or any other that might be more appropriate.

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4. A copy of the invitation from the Chairman of the Fermi Awards Committee is attached for your convenience. The deadline for nominations to this Committee is 1 March 1963.

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Attachments

- 1. Resume
- 2. Invitation

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